

PROBATE COURTS.

Probate courts will be held on the second and fourth Fridays of each month at the Probate Office, Newbury, and on the second and fourth Fridays of each month at the Probate Office, Barton. O. H. AUSTIN, Judge.

New Advertisements To-Day.

W. Wilson, Barton, Less Price. Vermont Magazine. Advertisements, notices, announcements, etc., will be inserted in this column at two cents a word first week, and one cent a word thereafter. This must be prepaid advertising. No charge for mention of ad-running in other columns.

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H. C. Pierce has a few more dairies for \$80 which will be sold cheap.

Walton's Vt. Register for sale in this office. Our prepaying subscribers get them at 10 cents each.

Lost.—On Sunday, between Mr. Whitcomb's and the Cong'l church, a case containing a pair of gold-bowed spectacles. Please return them to Mr. Whitcomb.

Barton.

J. P. Robinson's family have moved into the Job. Martin house on the mountain.

The country, far and near, was visited by a cold and severe snow storm Friday and Saturday. It was felt in Vermont.

A. C. Austin moves into his house on the hollow road and Thomas Wilkie who has recently occupied it has moved to Brownington into a house owned by John Bartlett. Tom is a moving planet, anyway.

J. W. Batchelder has had solicitations to go to Florida to play in an orchestra which Mr. Bigelow, violinist, will organize for the hotel which Mr. Richardson of Island Pond is running. Better stay at home, Wesley.

By the marriage of Miss Myra Baxter of this village to Mr. Wells of Coventry, we lose one of our girls who not only has many friends, but who was a useful member of society in many spheres. May happiness and success attend the new couple.

It may be worthy of note that new babies have put in appearances of late at Ed. Liddell's, Lawyer Carr's, Charles Hubbard's, and a little stranger, a daughter of Rev. Wm. Coburn, claims a temporary home at the residence of the new postmaster, who is very willing to assume the role of grandfather.

The February term of court will be held in the new court house at Newport, and arrangements have been made with the R. R. Co. for running a passenger car on the morning train which leaves here at 7 o'clock, a. m. The accommodation train which leaves Newport at 6:20 p. m., affords facilities for returning in the evening.

Albert Leland, one of the oldest resident citizens of the town, was stricken with paralysis on Wednesday last and died almost at once. He has been feeble for some years, and the death of his wife and other matters have weighed heavily upon him. He has been an industrious and frugal man and leaves a good property.

The docket of the Orleans county court for the February term contains 121 cases and 25 chancery cases. The term commences Tuesday, Feb. 2d, and it is now expected it will be held in the new court house at Newport. The new jail and jail house are already virtually finished, and work is being pushed on the court house.

We are in receipt of a Newport, N. H., paper in which we find an article relative to the bank, of which Perley A. Johnson, late of this place, is cashier. We judge the bank starts under favorable conditions. Mr. Johnson is complimented, deservedly as he should be, and we are glad that the Vermont boy, who has had the healthful influences of Caledonia and Orleans air and morals, is making his mark.

The Methodist people are agitating the project of rebuilding their church expending five or six thousand dollars. One of the members offers to give \$1,000 toward the enterprise and others within and without the society promise very liberal help. The present church was built 50 years ago, but is quite good yet. The house will either be raised to make a vestry and other convenience, or enlarged in some direction for that purpose.

By the burning out of one of the chimneys at the school house, one afternoon recently, the wood-work near the base of the chimney took fire and only a prompt discovery saved a conflagration. The soot had fallen down in great quantities and in some way took fire and burned at the bottom of the chimney, creating intense heat. The same thing occurred two years ago in the Robinson block. It will be well to remember that the accumulation of soot in the bottom of a chimney should be removed before the fire gets hold of it.

Our people are not only expecting, but they hope to see a large number of singers here this week. Preparations are all made, and do not let us be disappointed. The convention will be excellently led, and with Mrs. Shepard as pianist, it will move right along. We hope that musicians who can help the orchestra part will bring their instruments. Let us not forget in the village and vicinity that it costs money to run conventions, and do our part in sustaining this by attending it. Our singers ought to receive great benefit from the instruction.

It is rare that greater extremes of weather are experienced than during last week. For the first few days it was very warm with heavy rains. The snow nearly all went off and the roads were so thawed as to make disagreeably muddy traveling. Wednesday the wind came down from the north, and Thursday there was a severe gale from that region with the thermometer below zero all day. Friday was clear but very cold, and Saturday a blinding snow storm came from the north while the thermometer was at zero. There has

practically been no sledding in this vicinity during the winter, and only a few days of comfortable sleighing.

The big rain of last Monday night caused Willoughby river to rise so that the ice went out of Bartlett's mill dam, doing considerable damage. Above Jim Grant's the ice came into the road and made a regular blockade, which had to be removed before teams could pass. Just below Mr. Grant's it dammed the river and turned it across Charley Marshall's meadow, injuring his land quite badly. Above Ira Sturtevant's it formed another dam turning the water into the road and washing it out in places so that brush and gravel had to be carted in. Below the Landing the water was so high the road was also impassable.

A LETTER.—The following interesting letter has been received, which we give as it is written—some are particular to have no changes made—that our readers may have the benefit of the "discovery," as well as the pleasure of perusal:

Jan. 1, 1886.

Mr. Editor,—Please have a little patients with me for I have made a great discovery, which has long been gratefully known to "They Say." Nobody has been able to tell what sect it was, whether it came over in Noah's ark, or what was its origin, but it does exist. Well, I find it to be of the female sex, and it is one of my nearest neighbors. Now as I have found her out I hope our next Legislature will form a law that will either exclude her from society or put her to death.

From one who has long been a sufferer from old "THEY SAY." Ps. If I had not found her out as I did and found they called her old "They Say" I should call her what it speaks of in Habakkuk 1 chap 3 verse.

The annual village meeting occurred on the evening of the 4th inst. The meeting was a very quiet one and it proved a difficult matter to find men who wanted to put in a great amount of work with no pay except the curses of those who feel themselves capable of doing the work better than those in office. The corporation is out of debt with some money in the treasury. The amount of money raised and expended last year was something over \$900. It was voted to raise 15 per cent over and above the amount raised by the town—15 per cent—for the current year. The following are the officers: Moderator, W. W. Miles; clerk, J. L. Twombly; trustees, O. V. Joslyn, Geo. H. Blake, Charles Hubbard; treasurer, H. C. Pierce; collector, S. F. Bickford; fire wardens, J. N. Webster, E. F. Dutton, Henry Gay; auditors, J. N. Webster, O. D. Owen, B. M. R. Nelson; attorney, W. W. Miles. It was voted to have the tax collected by the treasurer.

Our beloved friend Camp, of the Express, does not seem to be willing to let us alone. Our apparition haunts him, and when he does tell the truth about Newport matters he seems to do it snappishly and gingerly. His closing remarks in the paragraph quoted below are entirely uncalculated for, as every reader of the Monitor knows, had it not been for this paper the facts relative to the "seepage," as he calls it, would never have appeared in print. Note the spirit of the quotation:

"One death of diphtheria the past week, a young child of Mr. Lapiene living on Lake street. There are still a few light cases of throat trouble, but we don't know of any genuine cases of diphtheria. We think this must be so as the Monitor admits as much and this has been about the first time it has been disposed to say there was an abatement of the disease or any possibility of its diminishing. Blake has our sympathy, for we have no doubt he dislikes to chronicle the removal of any scourge or general trouble that might happen to afflict Newport."

We need none of your sympathy. Had we the power we would not only remove every vestige of the diphtheria from Newport, but that other notorious "seepage," known as David M. Camp. Albany. Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Darling are visiting in Peabody, on runners, and waiting for snow. W. K. Annis, Sen., slipped on the ice, sustaining a partial dislocation of his right shoulder. The donation visit at the Cong'l church was a very pleasant affair, and resulted in about \$70. Charlie H. Smith has bought the Sanders farm on the river road about three miles north of the village. E. K. Lord and wife, who went to Iowa from this town some nineteen years ago, have returned, and propose to spend their declining years among the green hills of Vermont. We are glad to welcome them back. As O. M. George was at work on Lowell mountain some time since, he was honored by an exhibition performed by an old bear and two cubs. The bears seemed to be amicably disposed and quietly wended their way to parts unknown. Subsequent efforts to renew their acquaintance were ineffectual.

East Albany.

The Ladies' Aid of the F. B. society will meet at A. W. Eldridge's, Thursday evening. Bro. Eldridge has a large house and they extend the invitation to all.

There will be a donation visit for the benefit of Rev. R. W. Collins, Wednesday evening, Jan. 20. Oysters will be served and a good entertainment provided. A cordial invitation to all.

Barton Landing.

W. C. Twombly paid 50 cents a bushel for potatoes last week.

Capt. Tucker is canvassing for picture licenses, which he sends to New York to be enlarged and perfected.

A donation and oyster supper will

be held in M. E. church, Friday evening Jan. 15. A lecture or other entertainment will be provided.

Owen Gates has again consented to favor the Ladies' Aid society by a further sketch of his travels. His subject, "A description of Prague," with historical incidents and characters connected with that famous old city. Those who heard him on a former occasion will know that it will pay to go again.

The Cong. S. S. of this place was organized Jan. 16, 1876, and arrangements have been made to celebrate its first centennial, next Sabbath afternoon. The pastor will give an address suited to the occasion; a history of the school by the superintendent, obituary notices with other items of interest will be given. All are invited to attend, especially those who have ever been members of the school.

Brownington.

Allie Dutton is attending school at Hartford, Vt.

School in the north neighborhood has adjourned for another week.

J. O. Humphrey has bought 20 acres of woodland of I. A. Wyman.

Two new cases of diphtheria in Dis. No. 1. Eva Smith is quite sick with lung fever.

Wm. Alger who recently got one of his legs hurt in the woods, has so far recovered as to do his chores.

Quite a number of friends and neighbors attended the birthday party at I. A. Wyman's last Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Spaulding of Wheelock and Henry Titus from Canada were in town last week visiting friends.

Lumbermen are anxiously waiting for snow to enable them to draw the large amount of wood and lumber now lying in the woods.

Mr. Jasper Smith and Mrs. Anne Currier were married at C. W. Smith's Jan. 3d, by Rev. L. Dodd. They have the best wishes of friends.

Everett Burrows and his bride (Nellie Gooley) returned from their wedding tour a few days since. May their life's journey be pleasant and prosperous.

Greensboro.

B. Dunham has the job to stick up and draw E. Foster's lumber to the Landing for \$1.20 per thousand.

Ed Gallup and Henry Dunham have taken the job to cut and skid E. Foster's lumber for 90 cents a thousand.

John and Michael Fay have been in Franklin Co., and John has decided to move there to carry on a farm for his sister.

It is said that the secret men have located a road between this place and Daniel Pierce's, to meet a road to the Center at that place. The same road for which a petition has been circulated the past two months.

West Charleston.

Elmer White of Brownington, is working for S. Pearsons in the cooper shop.

J. C. Oliver is re-elected superintendent of Baptist Sabbath-school for the coming year.

Wm. Parker has bought 30 acres of woodland of Richard Maplesden, formerly owned by Nathan Chase.

Bert Parlin and Eugene Royce are home from Poughkeepsie, N. Y. John Hennessy is back from Littleton, N. H. Ambrose Shute has returned from Barton.

John Knights has gone to Island Pond to work for Fitzgerald; John Dudley has gone to St. Johnsbury to work for the Fairbankses; Will Wheeler has gone to Echo Pond to work in Sweeney's mill.

The trade between J. B. Holton and Fred Hamblet has fallen through, and Holton is still doing business in his old store. Both men put themselves under \$500 bonds to trade. Hamblet got sick of his bargain, paid his \$500 and stepped out.

Conventry.

Alonzo Brooks still lies in a critical condition.—Mrs. Wm. Stevens and Charlie Chapman are on the gay.

Jay Fuller was severely hurt by a hog, last Tuesday; while repairing the pen, the hog stuck his tusk in his leg just below the knee, raking it down to the ankle in a frightful manner.

Frank C. Williams is considerably interested in horses and has recently purchased a fine two-year-old stallion colt, standard bred and registered as "Rufus H." No. 2620. He was hired by Ben Franklin, the dam by Gen. Sherman, and is full brother of Minnie Franklin which showed 2:28 speed at five years, and was sold for \$3,500. The colt is entered in the N. E. colt stakes to be trotted in 1887, but Mr. Williams will not continue the entry as he intends to keep the horse for stock purposes. He is a promising animal.

Craftsbury.

Donation at the M. E. church Wednesday evening, Jan. 20.

The meetings held here during the week have been of interest and well attended.

Mrs. Emma Nelson proposes to open a millinery store in the spring, in this village.

E. M. Sweet has moved to Enosburg Falls. He will not rent his house but will sell when he has an opportunity. Mr. Sweet is one of the few men who can sell all kinds of property without loss. He moved here from Lyndon in September, 1883; and bought of Jack Hidden a store, three sets of buildings, dwelling houses, barns, etc., and a farm with buildings. In 1884 he sold Dr. Bemis the residence next his store, and traded the residence opposite to Luman Smith, for the old tin shop at Craftsbury Common. In 1884 he traded his farm to Graham White, for a smaller farm situated in Greensboro; this farm he also sold.

He sold the tin shop to A. Paddock & Co. Last fall he sold his store and goods, except dry goods, boots, shoes, and clothing, to E. S. Stratton. During the little more than two years he has lived here, he has carried on the mercantile business, had 2000 pounds of wool manufactured into cloth, which is nearly all disposed of. Mr. Sweet has sold in all \$26,275 worth of goods and real estate. Mrs. Sweet has carried on the millinery business satisfying her customers and making a financial success of it. During their remaining with us, they have gained many friends, who wish them success in their new home, but feel sorry to have them go away. They have been very liberal, giving much to the poor and helping in re-building the church and almost every other benevolent enterprise. We congratulate the Enosburg people on their new merchant and milliner, but we don't care to spare any more of this kind from our community.

Derby.

Will Blake was recently arrested for an assault at the house of William Hinman.

The remains of Mrs. Newcomb, who died in Connecticut, were brought here for burial. Funeral last Wednesday; on the same day Mrs. John Gray was buried.

There has been one more fatal case of diphtheria here: Miss Phoebe Moulton, who has made her home at Dr. Clark's when not teaching, took the fatal disease and died last Wednesday. There are no other cases and schools will begin again to-day.

Glover.

The next pastor meeting will be held at C. S. Leonard's, Tuesday eve, Jan. 12.

IMPORTANT.—Regular meeting of Mason Post, No. 16, G. A. R., at Glover Tuesday evening, Jan. 19th, 1886. Official.

E. H. NYE, Com.

O. V. JOSLYN, Jr.

There will be a donation visit and oyster supper at Institute hall, Glover, on Thursday afternoon and evening, Jan. 21, for the benefit of Rev. E. W. Pierce. In the evening in addition to the usual exercises there will be a lecture by Rev. Mr. Healey. Everybody invited.

PER ORDER OF COM.

School in district No. 4, closed Jan. 1st. Both the summer and fall terms were taught by Lydia Hinkley. Those who had no marks during the year, were Ellie, Myrtle and Charlie Clark and Charlie Marston. Charlie Cook was absent one week on account of sickness. It was Charlie Marston's first year at school, and he had to walk over half a mile.

West Glover.

Lydia Colburn has gone to Florida to work for O. G. Barron.—George Dow has gone to work for C. J. Hubbard selling boots and shoes. Hope he will have good luck.

Greensboro.

Ice harvest has begun, and is of fine quality.

William Wilson, whose sickness was noted last week, died Thursday eve of apoplexy.

The 72d anniversary of the Cong. Sunday School was held last Thursday evening. C. L. Baker, who has served so many years as superintendent, positively declined to serve longer, and J. A. Crane was chosen. The whole number of members of the school is 117; average attendance, 68.

A mention of the death of Maj. Henry M. Paige, though it occurred sometime since, may be of interest to the boys who formerly belonged in the old Vt. Cavalry, and to people in this vicinity, who knew the deceased. Maj. Paige enlisted as a private in Company C, but was promoted for bravery until he was for quite a long period Major of that regiment. He served his full three years and was engaged in the numerous battles which made that regiment famous. He was wounded at Gettysburg, in the famous charge when Gen. Farnsworth was killed. He was a son of the Hon. Geo. H. Paige and a grandson of Elder Grown, one of the first ministers that settled in Greensboro. Soon after the war Maj. Paige engaged in a mercantile business in Patterson, N. J. He died of heart disease, aged 48 years. He was a man of exemplary character, and carried into private life the sterling qualities which made him exemplary as a soldier.

Irashburgh.

Judge Austin held a probate court in the old court house Tuesday.

John G. Foster was in town Monday and Tuesday collecting rents due the estate of Charles P. Allen.

Pansies were found in blossom in the open air here Jan. 6th. They have "shut up."

At the annual election of officers by the Congregationalist Sunday School, J. E. Chamberlin was re-elected Supt.; C. W. Wheeler, Pres.; G. W. Parker, vice Pres.; S. H. Howard, Sec. and Treas.; Carrie Allen, organist and E. A. Holbrook Librarian.

The H. T. C. society of the M. E. church presented the pastor's wife with a crazy patchwork quilt, composed of 1278 pieces, wholly of silk and velvet, and her Sunday School class presented an elegant pie knife, for which she desires to express her grateful thanks.

The lecture and oyster supper for the benefit of the Congregationalist church, which was announced to occur Jan. 11, is postponed to Jan. 19, to accommodate the speaker, Rev. Mr. King. The subject, "The Utility of the Necessity of Toil for Bread," will doubtless be handled by the speaker, who is a man of original mind and has the power of expressing in a pointed, spicy manner, which is both entertaining and instructive.

Taplin & Rowell have sold in the past year, ending Dec. 31st, 1885 120 John D. Miller wagons; 45 sleighs last winter; 36 sleighs and 18 Jap. wolf robes in Dec., 1885; 50 driving harnesses; bought and sold

75 horses and colts; and have bought, driven to New Hampshire and sold from Oct. 1st to Dec. 1st, 1885, 530 head of cattle. They are expecting to sell 150 Miller wagons and increase their other business in the same ratio the coming year.

The funeral of Z. E. Jameson, whose illness was noticed in last week's Monitor, took place on Thursday. Though long ill of a pulmonary trouble, the immediate cause of his death was an injury sustained by a fall on the ice. Mr. Jameson lacked but one day of being 51 years old. He had held many positions of honor and trust in the town and state, having represented the town in the General Assembly, served as superintendent of schools and on the Board of Agriculture. He was widely known outside the town as a writer and speaker on agricultural subjects, in which he was deeply interested. He wrote much for agricultural journals, and was a frequent producer of short sketches of fiction. He was born in Irashburgh, and his entire life was spent as a farmer, energetically and persistently devoting brain and muscle in a spirit of broad, Christian philanthropy, to the service of his fellow farmers and fellow men. He was an active member of the M. E. church. He leaves a wife, two children and a large circle of friends to mourn his loss.

Lowell.

William Warner is to preach a year in Fairfield. He was in town a few days recently.

Little George Dana, who has been a great sufferer for many months from dropsy, died Thursday Dec. 31.

C. B. Harding, chorister of Cong. society, and Mrs. Cora Cooledge organist, were handsomely remembered at Christmas.

The Week of Prayer was observed by union services in the Cong'l church with usual exercises and a good religious interest.

Rev. Mr. King of the Cong'l church is invited to give his lecture, "The Utility of the Necessity of Toil for Bread," at Irashburgh, Jan. 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Thayer who have been stopping at C. B. Harding's have returned. Their help at the religious meetings was a blessing.

Mrs. Martha Stephenson has returned from Lowell; her daughter Ida came with her. Although she was so ill, the journey did not injure her. She is doing well.

Post Hazen installed officers Jan. 4, as follows: P. C., John Sawyer; S. U. C., C. C. Titilston; J. U. C., Wm. W. Wakefield; S. W. S., Dingman; Chap., R. Kinsley; O. D., B. T. Woods; O. G., B. Arel; Q. M., Geo. Hartwell; S. M., Jas. Edwards; Q. M. S., Timothy Deblows; Adj. W. L. Kinsley.

Morgan.

B. F. Moore has bought a nice pair of Percheron colts weighing nearly 2,500 pounds.

Frank Holmes and family have moved on to the Wm. Barrett place to take care of Mrs. Barrett and help carry on the farm.

Morgan Center.

Mrs. Alpha Drown of Charleston, is visiting at Mrs. Minnie Gilmore's.

J. H. Gilmore and Frankie Davenport are both recovering from their sickness.

Andrew Applebee is drawing a large quantity of logs to Gray & Gilmore's mill.

John Wiggins has purchased the cooper shop and will fit it up for a repair shop.

Will Mack injured his foot and leg badly, Thursday, in Gray & Gilmore's mill.

Warren Rawson has sold his place to Gordon Bush and intends moving to Manchester, N. H., next spring.

Newport.

Friday night as Homer Thrasher was going home from his store, he slipped on a sewer grate and broke a bone in his leg.

Cora Pope, a niece of Mrs. Hopkins, who lives with her, has been very sick with diphtheria, but in this writing seems to be recovering.

L. C. Grandy gives \$10 for the honor of naming Mr. Caswell's new dog, an imported English mastiff, weighing 140 pounds; the name is Gen. Phil. Sheridan.

The Good Templars hold a reunion at the Baptist church on Wednesday. In the a. m. they will hold a lodge meeting, and in the p. m. and evening the meeting will be open to all. Mr. Plumley of Northfield is expected to deliver an address.

The many friends of W. H. Daniels and family will be pained to hear of the death of his only son, Henry, who died on Saturday night about 12 o'clock of diphtheria. His remains were interred in the cemetery at W. Derby on Sunday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Daniels have the sympathy of the entire community in their deep affliction.—Another sad case is the death of Jesse Perry, which occurred about two hours after he was sick about the same length of time. His remains were taken to Irashburgh for interment. It seems doubly sad as Henry and Jesse were schoolmates for several years and firm friends. They were taken sick about the same time, with the same disease, and were buried the same day. Mrs. Hopkins (Jesse's mother) and family also have the sympathy of the community in their deep trouble.

Newport Center.

Rev. Horace Stiles received \$65 at his donation.

Installation of officers of Post, F. B. Alexander, Jan. 4th. The boys invited in some of their friends and treated them to a nice supper.

There will be a donation at Quimby's hall, next Thursday evening, for the benefit of Rev. Scribner. Oysters will be served. All are invited to come, and don't forget your purses.

As the Free Baptist Sunday School at this place was not reported at the recent convention held at Irashburgh, I would like to give a brief report through the columns of your paper. The school held its annual meeting Jan. 3d, and the following board of officers were elected: Supt., G. W. Rogers; assistant and treas., H. S. Smith; sec., Walter Whipple; librarians, John Kirby and Miss Orta Smith. The report of officers for the past year showed a membership of 90, with an average attendance of 62. Supplies for 1886 paid for and a balance in treasury of \$6; amount of penny collection for past year \$33.15. Interest good. Com.

South Troy.

Peter Phillips and wife returned from their visit last Wednesday.

G. W. Aiken's mill has shut down for awhile, and a number of men are out of work.

The Methodist people observed the Week of Prayer. A meeting each evening, well attended.

Westmore.

Horace Magoon is quite low with heart disease.

John Atkins has moved from St. Clair Felche's house to East Brownington.

Leil Clapper has moved into his new home; this makes eight families on one right of land.

Mrs. Miller is more comfortable.—E. M. Beck's children have diphtheria.—Mrs. Jennie Cheney is sick.

There are three henneries in this part of the town which are kept warm by wood fires. Eggs must be cheaper soon.

D. H. Fox has had his pension increased \$6 a month and receives back pay to the amount of \$480. Quite a help these hard times.

CALEDONIA COUNTY.

St. Johnsbury. Charles M. Carpenter has bought of George Grow the building he occupies on Eastern avenue.

Dr. S. H. Sparhawk has bought of George Walker place on Summer street; consideration \$6000.

The issue of the town bonds has been completed, Vendor & Co. of Boston having taken the entire issue of \$170,000.

George May has sold his fine residence at the head of Main street to Col. A. B. Jewett, superintendent of the Vermont division of the Boston & Lowell railroad.

Mrs. Judge Ross, who has been very sick for a year past, is worse, and her son, Edward, now teaching in Sanook, N. H., has come home in response to a telegram.

Messrs. N. M. Scott & Son are doing a large and growing business. They have received a desirable accession to their force